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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: PROTECTIVE SECURITY FOR AMBASSADOR

REF: A) KUWAIT 2361; B) STATE 115729; C) A-5601

1. WE HAVE AGAIN EXPLORED POSSIBLE METHODS OF OBTAINING RELIABLE PROTECTIVE SECURITY FOR AMBASSADTR FROM GOK RESOURCES. REGRETABLELY, WE MUST REPORT SITUATION HAS REMAINED CONSTANT AND CONDITIONS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED PREVAIL. IN SPITE OF OBVIOUS GOOD INTENTIONS AND WILLINGNESS OF GOK TO SUPPLY REQUIRED SECURITR, ARRANGEMENTS HAVE NOT PROVEN RELIABLE AND RESULTS CONTINUE TO BE ERRATIC. SECURITY PERSONNEL ARE SOMETIMES EARLY, SOMETIMES LATE, OR SOMETIMES FAIL TO APPEAR. RESULT HAS BEEN ENADEQUATE COVERAGE OF AMBASSADOR OR CURTAILMENT OF HIS MOVES. WE HAVE COME TO CONCLUSION THAT QUALIFIED INDIVIDUALS, TRAINED IN MODERN PROTECTIVE METHODS, SIMPLY DO NOT EXIST IN KUWAIT.

2. IN ADDITION, TO POSSIBILITIES SUGGESTED REF B, EMBASSY HAS CONSIDERED, AND DISCARDED, IDEA OF EMPLOYING UNDER CONTRACT A TCN. ALTHOUGH UNDOUBTEDLY TRAINED,; 17-)8\*83\$, EUROPEANS (OR EVEN ARABS) COULD PROBABLY BE LOCATED AND IMPORTED RELATIVELY EASILY, A NUMBER OF PROBLEMS WOULD RESULT THAT APPEAR TO BE BEYOND EFFECTIVE MANAGEMENT:

A. OBTAINMENT OF NECESSARY IMMUNITIES.

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B. APPROPRIATE "COVER" FOR SUCH AN INDIVIDUAL IN GULF COUNTRIES SINCE HE WOULD BE CARRYING AN ORDINARY NATIONAL PASSPORT.

C. A COST OF THIRTEEN TO FIFTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS PER ANNUM, PLUS GRATUITIES.

D. ASSURING LOYALTY OF SUCH A PERSON AND HIS REACTION IN TIME OF CRISIS.

3. EMBASSY HAS LEARNED THAT WEST GERMAN AND JORDANIAN EMBASSIES IN KUWAIT SUPPLY PROTECTIVE SECURITY TO THEIR AMBASSADORS THROUGH PROFESSIONAL SECURITY OFFICERS BROUGHT IN FROM THEIR RESPECTIVE COUNTRIES SPECIFICALLY FOR THIS PURPOSE. JAPANESE EMBASSY IS APPARENTLY SERIOUSLY CONSIDERING DOING SAME.

4. GIVEN THAT SECURITY SITUATION IN KUWAIT HAS NOT CHANGED APPRECIABLY SINCE KHARTOUM, NEED FOR PROTECTIVE SECURITY FOR AMBASSADOR CONTINUES TO EXIST. EMBASSY FEELS STRONGLY THAT ONLY SOLUTION WHICH OFFERS A REASONABLE MEASURE OF RELIABLE PROTECTIVE SECURITY TO AMBASSADOR IN KUWAIT AND GULF IS ASSIGNMENT OF SPECIALLY TRAINED AMERICAN PERSONNEL. AS NOTED PREVIOUSLY, EMBASSY OFFICERS HAVE HAD TO ASSUME PROTECTIVE FUNCTIONS WITH CONSEQUENT DISRUPTION TO THEIR OFFICE TIME AND WORK. THIS REQUIREMENT UNFORTUNATELY STILL EXISTS. SUCH ACTION CNOT BE SUSTAINED WITHOUT THIS DISRUPTION ADVERSELY AFFECTING WORK OF OTHER OFFICERS, IN ADDITION TO THOSE DIRECTLY INVOLVED.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: DEPARTMENT ASSIGN MARINES TRAINED IN PROTECTIVE SECURITY FUNCTIONS TO KUWAIT.  
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